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Dear Alumni and Foundation Members,



On July 1, I will celebrate my first anniversary as President of Itawamba Community College.

And...what a busy year it has been!

The College opened a premier Health Science Education Center at the Tupelo Campus, honored immediate past president David C. Cole with the renaming of the Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus and celebrated the recognition of ICC as one of the nation's top 150 community colleges by the Aspen Institute.

A team of dedicated professionals and a visionary Board of Trustees ensure that Itawamba Community College will continue to achieve success because of the success of its students and subsequently, its alumni.

Your participation in the Alumni Association and contributions to the Foundation are necessary for Itawamba Community College to continue to provide services and programs, which will elevate not only the College's status but an exceptional educational foundation for our students.

We appreciate your loyalty and support of Itawamba Community College. Your involvement in today's ICC is extremely important to us. We hope to hear from you or see you soon.

Mike Eaton

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When you receive this magazine, I will have transitioned into another career opportunity.

For the last four years, it has been my pleasure and honor to serve as your alumni director. A few weeks ago, I accepted a position in Easton, Pennsylvania.

Although I will be 1,002 miles away from Fulton, Itawamba Community College will continue to have a special place in my heart as well as for each of you who have touched my life. The success of our Alumni Association is a result of your contributions and your love for the College.

I encourage you to continue to stay connected with Itawamba Community College and the Alumni Association. I hope that your connection will include both regular visits and participation in the variety of activities at all three of its locations, especially Homecoming.

Mark Todd,
Alumni Director



Spring is so refreshing! Everything in nature is in a state of transition, and that energizing feeling of renewal overflows into everyday life as well. With graduation and completion of degrees, graduates may experience new jobs, new promotions, maybe a new home and new free time with all of that studying out of the way. I send my sincerest congratulations to all graduates whether future plans include beginning a new level of study or a fresh start in a new career.

With graduation comes the opportunity to now join the Alumni Association. Benefits of membership are many, and there are varying levels of membership available: per person, per couple, yearly, three-year or even lifetime membership. All levels receive an ID card, and various levels may receive ICC Alumni car decals, magnets, caps or t-shirts. In addition to staying in touch with ICC via the Alumni publications, special invitations to events such as tailgate parties, Homecoming events and even special "Alumni Nights" are included with membership.

I am so honored to have served as your Alumni Association president, and I treasure my new friends in the Alumni Association. As this is my last President's address, I must thank all who have helped me along the way - especially Mark Todd and Donna Thomas. You two are lifesavers!

Reconnect with ICC. The Best Start(ed) Here!
An Indian Always,

Amanda Pitts Summers, PharmD
President, ICC Alumni Association
2013-2014



Chance Ride Leads Whitfield to an Associate's Degree

A "chance" ride that I received one day led me not only home, but to Itawamba Community College, where I received my Associate of Applied Science degree in Early Childhood Education last December.

One day, I was walking along my usual route, and it began to rain. A kind gentleman stopped and gave me a ride and much more.

During our conversation that day, he told me about a test (the Workkeys) that I could take, which might help me to find a job.

After thinking about it for at least three weeks, I decided to take the test, and if I passed, maybe they could help me find a job.

I took and passed the test, and that kind gentleman brought me my test result and encouraged me to check out some of the courses that were offered by Itawamba Community College. He gave me a catalog and the number of hours required to complete the classes.

To make a long story short, in August 2010, I registered for fall classes. This spring, I participated in the ceremony, graduating with honors, at the age of 63.

In August of 2009, I was laid off from work, and trying to find a job wasn't easy. I spent my days looking for work and going to the gym. And that fall, I was caught in enough rain that I would have been soaked, had it not been for the ride given by a stranger, that turned into the ride of my life.

I really didn't want a ride that day because I needed to finish my two-and-a-half-mile walk, even in the rain. Although I refused the ride, the stranger insisted that he take me home because if not, I would be soaked.

He introduced himself as an ICC representative who worked at the Amory WIN Job Center, and he asked about my occupation. I replied that I was unemployed, but I was thinking about going to ICC if I couldn't find a job.

I would like to thank Mr. Mark Todd, the ICC representative, now Alumni director, who stopped to give me a ride...and much more...and my instructors who gave their time to teach and help me achieve my goal...Mrs. (Judy) Griffie, Mrs. (Jessi) Stevenson, Mrs. (Mitzi) Ward, Mrs. (Carol) Bishop, Mrs. (Tammy) Foster, Mrs. (Suzette) Potts, Ms. (Michelle) Milner, Mrs. (Tammy) Lochridge, Mrs. (Morgan) Cutturini, Mr. (Bradley) Howard, Mr. (Eddie) Moore, Mr. (Jeff) Bates, and a special thanks to Mr. Jonathan Armstrong, who helped me keep my head in the game with encouraging words, and most of all, I thank God for putting these wonderful people in my life.

Because of the kindness of a stranger and a ride I really didn't want, I have an associate's degree and a scholarship to Mississippi Valley State University...and an opportunity of a lifetime.



Comer's Commonplace Life Intersects with Historically-important Johnson: Eight-year-old Comer Sees Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr. from a Different Perspective

Sometimes your commonplace life intersects with someone interesting and even historically important.

Such was the case for members of the IAHS-IJC graduating class of 1961. The site was the Phillip A. Sheffield Student Center. The speaker was Lt. Gov. Paul B. Johnson Jr. He would become governor in 1963.

Johnson was a spellbinder of the old school on the political stump. He had large appeal to rural audiences, especially when he told stories about "Ole Blue," his hunting dog. But at IJC that night, he gave a profoundly academic and intellectual speech that may have surprised even his harshest political critics. He had a keen insight into the founding of IJC in 1948 and its development. He motivated students to continue the excellence they had received at IJC.

That was 1961. Oddly, I had first seen him in 1951. I would see him a last time in 1971.

In 1951, I was a small boy sitting on the lowest limb of a black locust tree on the Fulton court square. Johnson had come to make a speech for governor. He apparently slipped out of a car unnoticed and then walked up to the very tree where I was perched and looked up at me. For what seemed like a few minutes he just stood there, his back to the crowd, leaning against the tree, making small talk. Only when his traveling band started singing did he snap erect, turn around and smile at the crowd. He then walked briskly through the crowd shaking hands.

The last time I saw him was 1971. I was working in Jackson and walking home from the office late one spring evening. As I approached the Primos restaurant on

State Street, I saw him emerging from the restaurant. He stood by a huge blue Cadillac, lit a cigarette and stared directly toward the dome of the new capitol.

Since it was the last week for filing for state office, I went to the nearest phone and called Andy Reese at United Press International to tell him that Johnson was in town. He thanked me for the tip. As it turned out, he did not file for governor. His later years were spent in a low-key practice of law in Hattiesburg.

I never saw him again, but the memory of graduation night 1961 stayed with me all through the turbulent and tense years of the 1960s. What I saw was a quiet, maybe shy, public figure who 10 years earlier had engaged in small talk with an eight-year-old who took the time to autograph my IJC graduation program.



ICC's Guess among PTK International Distinguished Chapter Officers

Itawamba Community College sophomore Sarah Guess of Hamilton was among 30 international Phi Theta Kappa members who were honored with the 2014 Distinguished Chapter Officer award presented by the honor society during NerdNation 2014, the annual convention in Orlando, Florida, April 24-26. She received a commemorative medallion during the Hallmark Awards Gala.

A 2014 graduate, Guess majored in pre-nursing at ICC, where her activities and honors were president of the Upsilon Sigma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, HEADWAE honoree, 2014 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Bronze Scholar, PTK Regional Distinguished Officer, Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, Hall of Fame, member of the ICC All-American Band, resident assistant, president's list scholar, and recipient of academic, band and leadership scholarships. She also is active in Big Brothers/Big Sisters and is a member of the choir at New Salem Baptist Church. Guess is a 2012 graduate of Caledonia High School where her honors included highest honor graduate, Mississippi Scholar, Hall of Fame, Freeman Scholarship recipient, Mississippi Link award and Special Honor Roll awards. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Gina Guess.

Distinguished Chapter Officers are nominated by their chapters through the Hallmark Awards application process and are chosen based on demonstration of leadership, promotion of Honors in Action, other engagement in the Society and enthusiasm for the Hallmarks of the Society (Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship). They were selected by a panel of judges from more than 450 nominees internationally.

Faculty Members Inspire International Student Kwok to be an Electrical Engineer

It is an honor to write an article about ICC because it brings to mind many good memories. ICC was the warmest and most hospitable college I ever attended. All faculty members, staff and students were extremely friendly. It (ICC) helped me in my academic work as well as to live a warm southern life.

Both Bobby and B.J. Canup from Tremont have been very good friends of my family for years because of the silk flower business.

They recommended that I attend ICC instead of senior college (Ole Miss or State), which helped me to adjust from my Hong Kong city life.

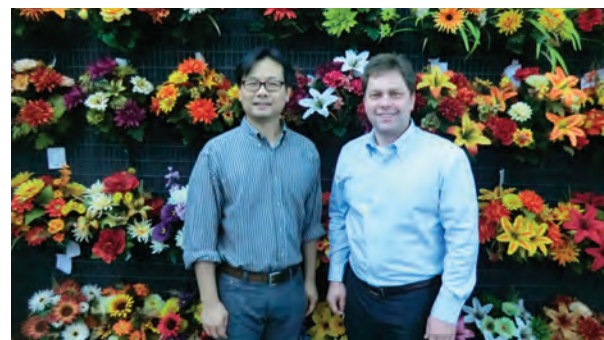
As an international student at ICC, I had to pass the TOTEL, international English test. My biggest difficulty in adjusting to ICC was that Asian education focuses mainly on memorizing all book material and information; however, the concentration in the United States includes the "why" and "how" for problem-solving.

I attended ICC from 1995-96, and I lived in Monroe Hall the first year. Everyone was very friendly and asked me a lot of questions about Hong Kong and the Chinese culture. (ICC did not have Internet in 1996.) I was working in the computer department and assisted in installing the network on the campus for the first summer and in

the computer lab.

Mr. (Billy) Denton and Ms. (Delores) Tull inspired me to become an electrical engineer.

I transferred to Mississippi State University, where I earned both the bachelor's and master's degrees in electrical engineering. Looking back, I definitely would encourage students from Asia to attend a community college because it is a good experience



and easier to adjust to senior college. In fact, most of my friends at Mississippi State were those whom I met at ICC.

My first college football game at ICC was very interesting, too. As with the other Asian people, I had no clue about football before, but it soon became a habit to watch college football. Even now, I still watch State and Ole Miss games via the Internet.

ICC's cafeteria makes the best Southern-style food, especially the sweet tea.

I returned to Hong Kong in 2003, and I have been working in the silk floral business. B.J. Canup comes to Hong Kong three times a year, and we still talk about all of the funny things that happened in Fulton, Tremont and Itawamba County.

– Gary Kwok



IJC provides ‘Right Direction’ for Hubert ‘Red’ Turner

I have been reading experiences that other former students have passed along.

IJC has always meant a lot to me in pointing some direction in my life.

I attended on a football scholarship in the fall of '49 and played two falls.

It is reasonable to say that most of my friends have passed on.

A large number of the guys joined the National Guard in Pontotoc and Tupelo to make a little extra money. When the 31st Division was federalized, we were destined to serve two years in the Army. Mr. Sheffield, president of the College at that time, called us together and told us that our present grade average would be the semester's final grades. We had almost three weeks to have fun, so many of us stayed at school and enjoyed the reprieve.

After two years of Army service just about everyone went his own way.

I continued to serve in the National Guard and reserves. At the same time, I finished college at Mississippi State University. I then went to work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Service,

married Joyce Sparkman, had two children (a boy and girl) and in the meantime I attended Officers Basic School in Fort Sill, OK and was commissioned as First Lieutenant.

I changed jobs and worked for Farmers Home Administration to finish out my career. I retired from the military as

a lieutenant colonel with 27

years of service and from the U.S.D.A. with 30 years of service.

Life has been mostly good.

I lost my wife in January 2013 as a result of a brain tumor.

I am now living in an assisted living facility (Magnolia Manor) on the county line road at the Pontotoc-Lee county line.

I know that ICC has pointed me in the right direction.



Spirit of ‘Hometown’ Education Still the Same

By Delores (Broom) Lindsey, Ph.D.

Class of 1966

*Associate Professor of Education Leadership (Retired)
California State University San Marcos*

Following my graduation from Itawamba High School in 1964, I spent my first year at IJC serving as cheerleader and student council club member, making new friends and taking a full load of courses. As I participated in clubs and courses, my world expanded and grew to include friends outside my Itawamba County friendship circle. IJC was preparing me for life beyond my hometown college.

At the beginning of my second year, my instructor, Ms. Joyce Nicholson, invited me to join the Speech Team. Later that semester, I took an on-campus job with my English teacher, Mrs. Susie Mae Ernest. Near the end of the school year, Mrs. Ernest asked me if I had ever thought of being an English teacher. She said, "I think you will be an excellent English teacher. I know your mother and daddy will be very proud of you."

I transferred to Mississippi Baptist College and graduated with a bachelor's degree in educa-

tion, majoring in speech and English. I started my teaching career in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. For the first time I was with faculty members and students who were African-American. I learned to focus my instructional strategies on the assets that each student brought to the classroom. I completed my master's degree in education administration at Southern University in Baton Rouge. Attending an historically black university changed my life.

I moved to California in 1984 and have served as middle grades and county office administrator, earned a Ph.D. and became a university professor. I have co-authored five books on Cultural Proficiency, and am working on another scheduled for summer release.

I'm proud to say I'm a native of Fulton and a graduate of IJC/ICC. Fast forward, 50 years from my 1964 high school graduation! Yes, the buildings are different. However, the spirit of "hometown" education is still the same.



Childs, Martin Challenge, Advise 2014 Graduates

"You are something special," said Fulton attorney Tom Childs, who has had a lifetime connection with Itawamba Community College, to the 2014 graduates who earned the Associate of Arts degree May 17 at the Davis Event Center on the Fulton Campus.

Childs cited the importance of leadership, which has been key to the success of Itawamba Community College and its premier status in the region, state and nation. "You have leadership in your class," Childs said of Trevor Hood of Blue Springs, who has served as president of the Student Government Association and was selected as Mr. ICC by his peers.

"In reading the program, I noticed that so many of you are graduating with honors," Childs said. "Many of you are Phi Theta Kappa members, such as Sarah Guess, who was the recipient of the Distinguished Chapter officer award, an international honor."

"I know how hard many of you have worked to reach this place today," Childs said, citing the example of one student who works 30 hours a week in a restaurant.

This is the first class under the leadership of Mike Eaton, who became ICC President last July 1. "Mike Eaton is something special," Childs noted. "He has been a winner. He has won both state and division championships. After a stellar career in coaching, he moved into administration and has been a part of every major undertaking here."

Childs offered several suggestions for the class of 2014. Among them were setting their goals very high, continuing to win, doing their best and never giving up.

"This is a changing world," Childs said. "Make the most of those changes; have both courage and fortitude."

He challenged the graduates to set worthy goals, continue to prepare and to always give their best. "Only you will know for certain that you have given your best."

Childs said that the road after today won't be easy. "There will be bumps along the way as you go through life." He noted that life is

a team effort, just as a successful football team takes more than the play of the quarterback. All of the players must be prepared.

"Anchor yourself with preparation," Childs urged. "Never give

Science degree and certificate recipients during the 3 p.m. ceremony.

Martin, who attended Coahoma, said that starting at a community college was one of the best deci-



up, and the anchor will hold through all of the stormy seas that you encounter. Remember who you are, where you came from and those who helped you along the way. Keep on winning."

Childs is a former teacher, assistant football coach and offensive coordinator at ICC, where he is a former member and chairman of the Foundation Board, as well as a former member and chairman of the Mississippi State Board for Community Colleges. Also, he is a former assistant Attorney General for the State of Mississippi.

Denotee Martin of New Albany, who established Denotee Martin Contractors, Inc. and is the owner of several businesses in Northeast Mississippi and Tennessee, addressed the Associate of Applied

sions he has ever made. "I understand the importance of preparing for the future."

He illustrated his address with a story about a king with three sons, among whom he would choose to be his successor.

Martin also shared information from Stephen Covey's "Seven Habits of Highly Effective People" with the graduates.

"You must have a strong foundation in place," Martin said, "and you must broaden that foundation."

Martin said that vision and planning are significant components of success in life. "You control your own destiny."

A combined total of approximately 550 graduates participated in the two ceremonies.



Photo Courtesy of NFL.com

Former Indian Staley 'Up-and-Coming NFL Assistant Coach'

by Chris McPherson
www.philadelphiaeagles.com

"DUUUUUUCE!"

This chant was echoed by Eagles fans hundreds of times from 1997-2003 when running back Duce Staley won over the fan base with his tough-nosed, no-nonsense running style. A third-round pick out of South Carolina, Staley gained 4,807 yards as an Eagle which ranks fourth in franchise history. He also ranks fifth in team annals with 7,305 yards from scrimmage.

A three-time offensive MVP, Staley cracked the 1,000-yard rushing mark three times including a career high 1,273 yards in 1999. Staley's signature moment came in the 2000 season opener at Dallas when he rushed for a career-high 201 yards against the Cowboys. The "Pickle Juice" game sparked the beginning of Andy Reid's successful tenure as the Eagles would make the playoffs in five consecutive seasons. It was only the second time that an Eagles running back topped the 200-yard mark in a single game and now ranks as the third-highest single-game total in team history.

Now, Staley continues to help the Eagles as the team's running backs coach. After two years as the Eagles' special teams quality control coach, Staley was named to his current post last offseason. In his first year, LeSean McCoy became the first Eagles running back to lead the league in rushing since Steve Van Buren in 1949. McCoy set the new team record with 1,607 rushing yards. The Eagles, as a team, led the NFL in rushing yards as well with 2,566.

Staley's work has earned recognition from around the league. Former Eagles director of pro personnel and current ESPN analyst Lou Riddick called Staley one of the up-and-coming assistant coaches in the NFL.

ICC turns Blue to Emphasize Platform of Miss Itawamba Community College

In commemoration of April as World Autism Month, ICC's David C. Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus was "blue" to emphasize the platform of Miss Itawamba Community College Johnna Wilson of Fulton.

Wilson's platform is entitled "A.S.K.M.E.," which stands for Autism Spectrum Knowledge Means Everything. "I am sincerely committed to my platform because it is an issue that affects

my own family," Wilson said. "It is not just an abstract cause for me, it is a part of my daily life."

Wilson has contributed numerous hours of one-on-one education, and has been involved in several fundraisers to benefit autism awareness.

Light It Up Blue is a unique global initiative that helps raise awareness about autism.

Wilson will compete in the Miss Mississippi Scholarship Pageant, July 9-12.





Alumnus of the Year Nomination Form

Itawamba Community College's Alumnus of the Year honors and recognizes a former student/graduate each year for his/her achievements, which in turn focuses on the role of Itawamba Community College in providing educational services.

Criteria to be considered in submitting nominations include:

- Attended ICC and must have successfully completed at least one semester as a full-time student five years prior to the current school year.
 - Exhibited merit and achievement which has brought fame and honor to either his/her community or the College.
- Nominations can be made by any member of the Itawamba Community College teaching staff and by any alumnus of the College. Selection will be made by an impartial committee composed of alumni of the College.

The deadline for receiving nominations will be August 1. Nominations should be made using this form and mailed to Alumni Affairs, Itawamba Community College, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, MS 38843 or submit the information via email to alumni@iccms.edu.

Name of person nominated: _____ Dates attended: _____

Address of nominee: _____

Nominee's email address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

Business address: _____

List nominee's activities at ICC: _____

Briefly state accomplishments after leaving ICC: _____

Attach additional information, if needed.

Person nominating: _____ E-mail address: _____

Address/Telephone number of person nominating: _____

Dates person nominating attended IJC/ICC: _____

*Return by August 1 to Alumni Affairs, Itawamba Community College,
602 W. Hill St., Fulton, MS 38843.*



Recognition Reception Honors Retirees, Those Leaving ICC

On May 6, 2014, nine individuals were honored at a reception in the David C Cole Student Services Building at the Fulton Campus. President Mike Eaton along with respective division heads greeted the large crowd of family and friends while honoring the participants for their years of service to the College.

Honorees included Shirley Bell, Hilda Bennett, Cody Bonds, Judy Griffie, Stephanie Riley, Wanda Sullivan, Pearlena Vaughn, Jan West and Jerry Wheeler.



ALUMNI MEMBERS

NEW LIFETIME MEMBERS

1950s

Dr. Bill Foster ('50-'52)
Sarah Gilmer Foster (Friend)
Herbert Parham ('51-'53)
June Williams Parham (Friend)

1960s

Bobby Jones ('60-'62)
Sue Gardner Jones ('60-'62)
Thomas E. Mackey ('64-'66)
Telsa Cooley Mackey ('60-'62)
Thomas "Darrell" Rankin ('67-'69)
Stacy A. Summers ('66-'69)

1970s

Bill Benson ('76-'78)
Lee Hatcher ('77-'79)
Wanda Hatcher (Friend)
Joahn Haas Summers ('71-'73)
Mitchell "Mitch" Claude Waycaster ('76-'78)

1980s

Brad Gates ('85, '99-'00)
Carol Parrish Gates ('85-'86)
Tammy Gooch Harrington ('82-'84)
Jennifer Parham Hedges ('88-'91)
Stephanie Parham Philip ('85-'87)

1990s

Dr. Matthew Kyle Robison ('95-'97)
Brent Lee Walker ('99-'00)

2000s

Joshua Gammill ('01-'03)
Sara Katherine McNeece Gammill ('07-'09)
Jim Gatlin McCullough ('01-'03)
Anna McNeece McCullough ('05-'07)
Samantha Minga Pepper ('03-'05)
Walter Taylor ('09-'11)
Cynthia Mills Wilburn ('09-'12)

NEW YEARLY MEMBERSHIP

1950s

Jack Harris ('53-'54)
Tommye Bryant Harris ('53-'54)
Robbie Houston McDaniel ('53-'55)

1960s

Phillip "Don" Clayton ('66-'68)

1980s

Janie Wallace Clayton ('83-'84, '86-'87)
Mark Guntharp ('83-'85)

1990s

Ben Ashley ('94-'97)
Michael Martin ('89-'91)
Chris Stevenson ('98-'00)
Jessi Parker Stevenson ('98-'00)

2000s

Ashley Brown Clark ('05-'08)
Hart Robbins ('12-'14)
Sheneanna Shumpert Ivy ('04-'08)
Candace Dulaney Thomas ('99-'01)
Landon Thomas ('98-'01)

FRIENDS

Peggy Franks Davis
Ralph Davis
Bobby Jarrell (Faculty)

DEATHS

1950s

Charles McKee of Tupelo, December 6, 2013
James C. Keith of Bissell, December 28, 2013
Bobbie Franks Jones of Tupelo, February 1, 2014
James Clinton Gunter of Tupelo, February 5, 2014
Addis Mitchell Lessel of Tupelo, March 8, 2014
Bessie Pennington McFerrin of Mantachie, March 26, 2014
Lester Wayne Magers of Mantachie, April 29, 2014
Mary Jo Godfrey Eades of Nettleton, May 24, 2014

1960s

Phoebe Elaine Henton Warren of Tupelo, December 8, 2013
Lynn Lindsey of Brewer, January 17, 2014
Joseph Clifton "Joe" Stubbs of Tupelo, January 21, 2014
Barbara Miller Kelly of Tupelo, May 10, 2014

1970s

Linda Sue Conwill Hofmeister of St. Louis, MO, February 16, 2014
John Michael "Mike" Carter of Tupelo, February 20, 2014
Lynn Cagle of Hamilton, February 26, 2014

1980s

James Edward "Eddie" Hawkins of Nettleton, December 11, 2013
Jimmy Jones of Verona, February 3, 2014
Catherine Elizabeth "Cathy" Thomas of Aberdeen, April 17, 2014

1990s

SSG Christopher Neil "Chris" Coker of Amory, December 13, 2013

2000s

Joshua K. "Josh" Weatherford of Tupelo, March 1, 2014

2010s

Dallas Cole Davis of Okolona, February 7, 2014

Alumni membership information

Send your updated biographical information (recent personal or professional accomplishments) and new contact information (email addresses and telephone numbers) to alumni@iccms.edu or Itawamba Community College, 602 West Hill Street, Fulton, Mississippi 38843, or call 662.862.8176.

WEDDINGS

Meaghan Nykole Bedford and **James Tyler Reed**,
December 14, 2014
Shannon Kelli Christian and **Tyler Lee Burt**,
December 16, 2014
Ashley Elizabeth Burton and **Blake Miller**,
December 28, 2014
Samantha Anne Holland and **Roger Erich Newsom**,
January 4, 2014
Lindsey Morgan Wilburn and **William Wade Keith**,
February 8, 2014
Heather Nichole Park and **Grant Taylor Sullivan**,
February 20, 2014
Lauren Camille White and **Trey Miller**,
February 22, 2014
Courtney Brooke Donald and **Justin Charles Campbell**,
March 8, 2014
Maggie Marie Oswalt and **Jamie Taylor Dickerson**,
March 8, 2014
Rebecca Joyce Easley and **Alan Vinson Dukes**,
March 8, 2014
Gessika Hodge and **Steven Fennell**,
March 8, 2014
Jordan Claire Earnest and **James Tyler Morgan**,
March 8, 2014
Brittini Harmon and **Elliott Smith**,
March 8, 2014
Josie Morgan Collins and **Denver Tucker Hallman**,
March 29, 2014
Amanda Ann Walker and **Benjamin Steven Moore**,
April 12, 2014
Jodi Renee Comer and **Stephen Blake Deaton**,
April 26, 2014
Myra C. (Miles) Emison and **Samuel C. Holder**,
May 2, 2014
Haley-Rose Collums and **Michael Garrett Craig**,
May 3, 2014

Brittany Boyd and **Canden Dallas**,
May 3, 2014
Allison Blair Cleveland and **Zachary Clay Finley**,
May 3, 2014
Brandy Hearn and **Jason Henson**,
May 3, 2014
Molly Elizabeth McVaugh and **Baker Eden Martin**,
May 3, 2014
Heather Leigh Hayes and **Bobby James Martin**,
May 10, 2014
Kelly Mechelle Hartley and **Matthew Aaron Martin**,
May 10, 2014
Kelli Ann Holloway and **Thomas L. Honnoll**,
May 17, 2014
Karmen Leigh Spratlin and
Lance Cpl. Christopher Blake Kimbrough,
May 17, 2014
Heidi Kristine Garland and **Kaleb Allen Mills**,
May 17, 2014
Rebekah Jayne Strickland and **James Charles Carsten II**,
May 18, 2014
Courtney Foster and **Casey McBrayer**,
May 24, 2014

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Cole Matthew Senter,
son of **Megan** and **Tim Senter**
and grandson of **Jerry Senter**
Lanie Ruth White,
daughter of **Brandon** and **Holli White**
Emma Jaymes Case,
daughter of **Lacey** and **Chad Case**
Wyatt Ashley Brown,
son of **Mr. and Mrs. Ashley Brown**
Tucker James Barksdale,
and grandson of **Randy** and **Karen Little**



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From top, ICC Foundation Board; Jim Ingram addresses the Board at their March meeting; Dr. Jan Reid-Bunch talks with Alan Bank; Jim Ingram congratulates scholarship recipient Andy Bowman.



For many years, Itawamba Community College has provided an opportunity for high school seniors to take that important initial step and start down the path toward a college degree. In the fall of 1962, I walked on ICC's campus and began that journey. Since its inception, ICC has and continues to open doors of opportunity for thousands of students. ICC students are challenged to learn, grow, form opinions and mature. Since my tenure at ICC, which ended 50 years ago, the College has grown in size, character and scope and continues to embrace change which creates an environment of learning.

In the fall of 2013, I was honored to be elected to serve as president of the ICC Foundation. The Foundation Board, consisting of dedicated members from the five-county area, are charged with the responsibility of raising funds for the Foundation. Foundation funds are used for scholarships, capital improvements and to meet other needs of students and the College.

In 2013, the Foundation concluded its pledge of providing \$8 million to help build and furnish the Health Science Education Center located on the Tupelo Campus. Graduates from programs provided at this facility will fill the growing medical needs of our aging population.

This year the Foundation sponsored a fundraising bike ride on the Tanglefoot Trail. Funds raised from this event will be used for scholarships to be awarded to students with financial needs. In addition, the Foundation will place emphasis on increasing awareness of the importance of people leaving the Foundation a legacy in their will. Other means of supporting the Foundation will be explored.

Supporting the Foundation financially will allow ICC to continue to provide students with an opportunity of reaching their goal of earning a college degree. There is no question that education for all is a primary key for sustained growth for Mississippi.

Jim Mounce,
Foundation President



It is a pleasure to share with you Itawamba Community College's first combined Alumni/Foundation magazine. 2014 has been an exciting and busy year for the Foundation from our March board meeting to our May Tanglefoot Bike Ride, which raised much-needed funds for scholarships.

It's a busy summer, but we look forward to the fall semester, when all three of ICC's locations will be alive with a multitude of activities, which will offer extensive opportunities for your involvement and participation.

Thank you for your continued support of Itawamba Community College, especially the Foundation. Because of your generosity, the students of the future can benefit from unparalleled programs, services and scholarships.

As always, we welcome your visits, calls, comments, suggestions and ideas as we continue our quest to make ICC's Foundation the best!

Jim Ingram, Director
ICC Foundation



May 3...A Perfect day for Riding the Tanglefoot Trail and Raising Foundation Funds

When the sun came up on May 3, it was a sign of a perfect start to a perfect day...especially for bike riding.

It wasn't just any bike ride...it was the Riding the Tanglefoot Trail, an event designed to raise money to enhance the scholarship fund for ICC students.

The brainchild of ICC Foundation President Jim Mounce, the ride provided participants an opportunity to ride from Pontotoc to Houston and return, a total of 50 miles. Since there was no registration fee, riders were requested to solicit sponsors to make pledges for the miles they rode.

Riders also were not required to complete all 50 miles, but could start at any location along the route and ride as far as they desired.

"It's a great cause," said David Rumbarger, president and CEO of the Community Development Foundation and one of the riders. "It's helping kids to go to school to get more training and education for their future." Rumbarger also noted that the ride was a "good opportunity to showcase our area."

In addition to the money raised by the riders,

several corporate sponsors united to ensure the success of the event. They included Dossett Big 4, First National Bank of Pontotoc, FL Crane & Sons, J & B Services, TM Medical, Tommy Morgan Realty and Woodmen of the World. Whistle Stop sponsors were BancorpSouth; Bank of Pontotoc; bT's of Pontotoc, LLC; David's One Stop, Inc.; G & O Supply Co., Inc.; Grocer's Pride Supermarket; Hill and Trail Bicycle Company; Houston Monument, Inc.; Monts Paper & Packaging, Inc.; Natchez Trace Electric Power Association; NESCO, LLC; Pontotoc Electric Power Association; Renasant Bank; Sonora Sound Productions, LLC; TVA; Village Frame Shoppe; Bobby Barnes and Weatherall's, Inc. Additional sponsors included Three Rivers, Walmart of Pontotoc, Walmart of Fulton and Walmart of Tupelo.

Members of the ICC family who aren't usually riders were also provided the opportunity to participate in the event through being a phantom rider or an ICC Champion.

Approximately \$11,000 was raised as a result of the event.

ICC HONOREES



Meritorious Achievement Award

Ron Brady, welding instructor
Marty Cooper, PACE director
Cay Lollar, Registrar/Director of Admissions
Cathy McCarthy, Director of Supportive Services
Patricia Robbins, Practical Nursing instructor

Support Staff of the Year Award

Sylvia Chamblee, administrative assistant to the Athletic Director
Tammie Dill, Registrar's office supervisor, records
Chris Trice, custodian



Phillips' Donation of Equipment to Enable ICC to Add Film Classes

From left, Dr. Eric Springman and filmmaker Kat Phillips join members of ICC's Film Club, Marc Gracia, Miranda Jones, Ryan Perich and James Puckett; ICC President Mike Eaton and Director of Institutional Advancement Jim Ingram following the presentation of a Sony Cinealta high-definition camera along with an HD monitor and other filming equipment during the Tupelo Film Festival. Mississippi-native Phillips donated the equipment to ICC's Film Club on the tenth anniversary of her first film's debut at the Festival. The gift will enable ICC to add film courses in the fall.





Bluegrass Concert Raises Significant Funds for the Regional Rehabilitation Center

For the 18th year, Itawamba Community College has raised significant funds for the Regional Rehabilitation Center through the sponsorship of a bluegrass concert.

This year's March 8 event was no exception.

Performers for the concert which raised approximately \$50,000 included Paul Williams & the Victory Trio, Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver, Rhonda Vincent & the Chuckwagon Gang.

Each year ICC's faculty, staff and students volunteer their time and service as hosts, ticket sellers, ushers and concession stand servers during the event.



Two New ICC Scholarships to Benefit Future Students

Future Itawamba Community College students will have an opportunity to benefit from two new scholarships.

They include the Roy W. and Doris Ryan and the Robert Loden endowed scholarships.

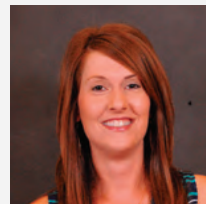
Both members of the first class, The Rev. Dr. Roy and Doris Ryan, who are residents of Tupelo, established the scholarship in appreciation for their time as students at IJC. Originally from Shannon, Doris Ryan worked on the annual staff, and her husband, a native of Fulton, was the president of the first class, member of the first basketball team and editor of the yearbook. Named Mr. IJC in 1949-50, Dr. Ryan was selected as ICC's Alumnus of the Year in 1990. Doris Ryan taught in schools in Nashville, Tenn., Mississippi, Georgia and Texas, while her husband has served as a pastor in Mississippi and Texas and adult education specialist with the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church, headquartered in Nashville, for 22 years. He has written 12 books on Biblical themes and Christian adult education and helped develop and write curriculum materials for the United Methodist Church. No specific major is designated for receipt of the scholarship.

Loden, who is a resident of Fulton and longtime supporter of the College, has previously endowed two scholarships, the Dana Grissom Cockrell Memorial Scholarship and the Margaret Gurley Loden Memorial Endowed Scholarship, because of his love and dedication to ICC.

The requirements for the Loden scholarship, which was established by his family, include Itawamba County resident majoring in either medical, business or education.



Faculty, Staff Appreciate Foundation's Commitment to Provide Educational Stipends

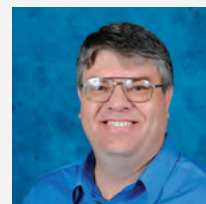


This stipend has allowed me to further my education without having to take out excessive student loans. I am very thankful to work for an organization that not only encourages me to further my education, but also helps monetarily.

Emily Lamb,
Admissions/Transcript Secretary

The assistance by the Itawamba Community College Foundation is most appreciated. It has been extremely beneficial to me in pursuing the master's degree in public health education.

Louie Dearman,
Library Technical Assistant



As a member of ICC's faculty, I now more fully realize the depth of the commitment that the Foundation has to the ICC community overall and especially for me in its generosity and willingness to help faculty such as myself who have made the decision to further their education. I am deeply grateful to the Foundation for its assistance and for all it does to

promote the mission of Itawamba Community College.
Paul Crum, RT(R)(CT),



Wheeler's Strong Passion for ICC Translates into Lifetime of Support

Billy Wheeler's strong passion for Itawamba Community College is a result of his being raised by his mother "and the good people of Fulton, especially the adults at the junior college."

Wheeler, who now lives in Tupelo, has had a strong connection with the College since he was 13, his age when his father died.

"I attribute my success to Itawamba Junior/Community College," Wheeler said. "It kept me focused and down-to-earth."

Born in Fulton in 1933, Wheeler graduated from Fulton High School in 1951 and from IJC in 1953. Following service in the Army spent at Fort Riley and Fort Dix, he graduated from Mississippi State University in 1957. Also in his early years (from 1950-'60s), Wheeler officiated high school and college football games.

For 11 years, he worked for Stark Weatherall, the original owner of Tupelo-based Weatherall's, a full-service office products provider. In 1968, he bought the company which he owned for 45 years, and sold to Larry Stewart, the present owner,

in 1993. Wheeler still maintains an office there and does "some unofficial PR for the company."

For years, Wheeler has translated his passion for the College into service on the Foundation board. An original member and the board's first chairman, Wheeler has served with four of the College's presidents, Dr. W.O. Benjamin, W.E. Boggs, Dr. David Cole and Mike Eaton.

Giving back to his school is extremely important for Wheeler, whose idea for the Walk of Memories became a reality.

Wheeler's family includes his wife, Shirley; their son, John, and daughter-in-law, Tammy, and their daughters, Maggie and Kate; their daughter, Julie, and her husband, Philip Gough, and their children, Mollie and Ally.

Wheeler said that he wants to continue to see "his school," the College that has meant so much to him ever since he grew up on its fringes, continue to prosper and grow.

WALK OF MEMORIES BRICKS

NEW ADDITIONS

Honoree

Charles Blaylock
Clara Coker Brown
Mark E. Brown and Amy Moore Brown
Betty Waddle Garrison
Sara Gilmer and Bill Foster
Geary Howell
Charles Martin
Stephen Montgomery
Sylvia Tutor Plunk
Marty Ramage
Billy Dean Spigner
L.F. Swords
L.F. Swords
Jimmy Taylor

Donor

Jimmy Taylor
Mark Brown
Amy Moore Brown
Betty W. Garrison
Bill Foster
Jennifer F. Nance
Mike and Marcia Eaton
Tammy Montgomery
Rod and Cindi Burns
Renasant Bank
Sue Spigner
Vicki Swords
Amy, Perry, Joshua and Juston Mask
Mike and Marcia Eaton

ICC ATHLETICS



State Champions!

Itawamba Community College has added two more trophies to its case this spring with the men's tennis and men's basketball teams earning state titles.

The men's basketball team won the title with a thrilling 73-72 win over East Mississippi in late February. After leading ICC to its first state championship since 2008, Coach Grant Pate was named MACJC Coach of the Year.

ICC's men's tennis team dominated the MACJC and Region 23 tournaments, winning both titles in late April. The Indians won eight out of nine individual championships to earn their fourth MACJC title in the last five seasons and their first NJCAA Region 23 title since championships in both 2005 and 2006. Coach Paul Johnson was named both MACJC and NJCAA Region 23 Men's Coach of the Year.

Ball-Williamson Inducted into Mississippi CC Sports Hall of Fame



Athletic Director Carrie Ball-Williamson is ICC's newest representative to be inducted into the Mississippi Community College Sports Hall of Fame.

She joined representatives of the other 14 community and junior colleges in an induction ceremony, Apr. 29, at the Muse Center at the Rankin County Campus of Hinds Community College.

Ball-Williamson, who is in her 21st year at ICC, has been athletic director since 2002. She also coached women's basketball from 1993-2006 and softball, from 1993-98.

In 2012, she was inducted into the ICC Athletic Hall of Fame. In March 2011, she received the National Junior College Athletic Association Loyalty award for exemplary leadership both on and off the field. She earned MACJC Coach of the Year honors twice in basketball while guiding the Lady Indians to two North Division titles. Her softball teams won three North Division championships and one state title.

Ball-Williamson also served as the NJCAA Region XXIII assistant director for 15 years.

A native of Pontotoc, she is married to Troy Williamson.



8/28	@ Copiah-Lincoln	7 p.m.
9/6	@ Jones	7 p.m.
9/11	Holmes	7 p.m.
9/20	@ Northwest	2 p.m.
9/25	East Mississippi	7 p.m.
10/4	@ Coahoma	2 p.m.
10/9	Northeast	7 p.m.
TBA	@ Mississippi Delta	TBA
10/25	Gulf Coast (HC)	3:30 p.m.

THE INDIAN CLUB

INDIAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION
\$2,500 and above receives an ICC jacket and 12 All-Sports passes.

CHIEFS DIVISION
\$1,000 to \$2,499 receives an ICC windbreaker and 8 All-Sports passes.

BRAVES DIVISION
\$500 to \$999 receives an ICC polo shirt and 4 All-Sports passes.

INDIAN PRIDE DIVISION
\$251 to \$499 receives an Indian Club cap and 4 All-Sports passes.

INDIAN SPIRIT DIVISION
\$100 TO \$250 receives 4 All-Sports passes.

ANNUAL DUES
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